



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 24, 2008

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Transportation Planning, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Agreement For Paratransit Services With Easy Lift Transportation, Incorporated

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute an agreement with Easy Lift Transportation, Inc., for paratransit services for elderly and mobility-impaired persons, in an amount not to exceed \$229,416.73, for Fiscal Year 2009.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Easy Lift Transportation, Inc. (Easy Lift) is a non-profit agency that provides paratransit services throughout the South County area. The City has had an agreement with Easy Lift since 1990, and currently subsidizes Easy Lift with \$214,408.16, which is paid out of the City's Measure "D" funds. This support complies with the rules governing implementation of Measure "D", as approved by the voters of the County of Santa Barbara. Easy Lift has reported that 75.7% of the rides that they have provided in the prior twelve months were for residents of the City of Santa Barbara.

The current agreement expires June 30, 2008, and the proposed agreement will continue the City's support through Fiscal Year 2009. Easy Lift was granted a 5% increase last year due to the increase in fuel cost and they have requested a 7% increase this year because of continued significant fuel cost increase. Easy Lift provides vital transportation services to the disabled community and staff is recommending the continuation of the financial support to Easy Lift with the requested increase. The financial support for Easy Lift for Fiscal Year 2009 will be \$229,416.73.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office